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SUMMARY: GTVERNMENT OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA OF SEPT. 1. SEES SECOND VORSTER/KISSINGER MEETING AS SIGN OF HOW SERIOUSLY US SEES ESCALATION OF EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING LAST TWO MONTHS. IF SECRETARY KISSINGER FAILS IN HIS SECOND MEETING WITH VORSTER, ANY THIRD MEETING MAY WELL BE A COUNCIL FOR WAR. THIS SECOND MEETING WITH VORSTER IS A REPRIEVE FOR SOUTH AFRICA BY THE US. US CANNOT RESOLVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM ALONE BUT MUST HAVE SUPPORT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS, AND THERE IS NO OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE HONESTLY COMMITTED TO GIVE THIS SUPPORT. IN HIS BID TO NEGOTIATE, A PROCESS FROM WHICH EVERY RESPECTABLE AFRICAN LEADER HAS PULLED OUT, KISSINGER WILL NEED THIS SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL:

QUOTE: JUST AS ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER SO TWO MEETINGS OF HENRY KISSINGER AND JOHN VORSTER MAY NOT NECESSARILY SOLVE THE RACIAL CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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BUT THE FACT THAT IN BARELY TWO MONTHS TWO SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD

TAKE PLACE IS A SIGN OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ESCALATION,
AT LEAST IN THE EYES OF THE US ADMINISTRATION.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ZURICH MEETING NEXT SATURDAY IS THAT IT
IS TAKING PLACE WHEN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CRISIS HAS WORSENED BY MANY
DEGREES FROM WHAT IT WAS AT THE FIRST MEETING LAST JUNE.

SINCE THEN RHODESIA HAS BOILED OVER SCALDING TO DEATH ALREADY
WELL OVER 1,500 LVES INSIDE RHODESIA AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING
TERRITORIES.

NAMIBIA, WHERE VORSTER HIMSELF WAS THE MID-WIFE, HAS HAD THE
IMISFORTUNE OF BRINGING FORTH A CRIPPLED STILLBORN.

THE LINE OF VIOLENT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF HAS SURFACED
GRAPHICALLY, SHOWING REVOLUTION WILL HIT APARTHEID WHERE
IT HURTS MOST -- INDUSTRIAL AND POPULAR UPRISING BY BLACKS.

FRONTLINE STATES SPATTERED WITH THE BLOOD OF THEIR LACERATED
NATIONALS ARE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS WITH ANGER WHILE THE OAU IS
CHECKING OVER ITS DEFENCES AND THE NON-AFRICAN ALLIES ARE ON
THE ALERT FOR ANY CALL.

IF KISSINGER FAILS TO MAKE THE IMPRESSION ON VORSTER
ESPECIALLY ON NAMIBIA, THEIR THIRD MEETING MAY WELL BE A COUNCIL FOR
WAR, ASSUMING THE TWO WILL STILL BE ONE SIDE AND TALKING TOGETHER.
IF THE US IS GENUINE, A POINT HAS TO BE REACHED WHERE SHE HAS TO WASH
HER HANDS AND DISDNGAGE FROM AN INTRANSIGENT LOST MINORITY.

FROM THE AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW, THE TIMING OF THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING IS A REPRIEVE OF SOUTH AFRICA BY THE US AFTER SHE HAS
FAILED TO OWN UP TO THE UN ON NAMIBIA. A ZURICH DEBACLE WILL
PULL THE CARPET FROM UNDER THE FEET OF THE US.

THE US IS THE UNCHALLENGED LEADER OF THE WESTERN CAMP BUT SHE
CANNOT UNTIE THE THREE TANGLED KNOTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITHOUT
THE HONEST SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN BUTTRESSES OF THE WHITE MINORITIES

APART FROM WORDS WHICH PROBABLY MEAN THE OPPOSITE, THERE IS NO
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OVERSHELMING EVIDENCE OF HONEST COMMITMENT FROM MANY OF THESE
COUNTRIES AND THE US MAY WELL NOT BE CARRYING THEM ALONG WITH HER.
SOME ARE POISED TO EXPLOIT BOTH THE CRISIS AND THE US.

IN HIS BID TO NEGOTIATE (A PROCESS FROM WHICH EVERY
RESPECTABLE AFRICAN LEADER HAS PULLED OUT) KISSINGBR WILL HAVE
TO TURN TO EURCPE AND APPLY TO THE MAXIMUM WHATEVER PRESSURE
HE CAN COMMAND.L

TO ARREST THE DETERIORATING CONFRONTATION HE WILL ALSO NEED
AN INTENSIFICATION OF HIS PEACEFUL EFFORT ON THE SCALE OF THE
DRIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. END QUOTE
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